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Two Hats Officially In Selectman Ring

Two candidates — Lester Hiltz and Glenn Pratt — are officially in the race for the single seat on the Board of Selectmen in Town Elections Saturday, April 14. Three others — George Adams, Rocco Langelles and Doris Golden — all have taken out nomination papers but haven't formally established their candidacy. Profiles of Hiltz and Pratt follow:

Lester B. Hiltz of 9 Cushing Road has announced his candidacy for the three-year term on the Board of Selectmen.

In his first bid for office last year for Selectman against a very strong and popular incumbent, Hiltz received over 25% of the vote. This was a significant endorsement for Hiltz to again seek the office.

As a resident of over 36 years, Hiltz relates with many townspeople who are deeply concerned about the perplexing issues having serious overtones of a personal or political nature.

He is competing for the Selectmen's post because of his sincere interest in the growth and development and general direction in which the town is headed. In this regard, he offers a good common sense approach to solving the numerous problems, deciding the sensitive issues, and planning for Cohasset's future.

Hiltz served for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and is now seeking to serve his community.

With his formal training and years of experience as an Air Force Communica-

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Glenn A. Pratt, Chairman of the town's Planning Board and active in Cohasset town affairs for the past 10 years, has announced his candidacy for a three-year term as Cohasset Selectman to succeed State Representative Mary Jeannette Murray who is not running for reelection.

"I am a candidate for Selectman because I believe that my background of education, past service to the Town and business experience will enable me to help significantly in the management of town affairs," Pratt stated.

Pratt is a life-long resident of Cohasset, graduated from Cohasset High School and attended Northeastern University while employed with W.C. Vaughan Co., Boston, a builders' hardware supply firm.

In 1973, he became a co-owner of Suburban Contract Cleaning Co. of which he is now vice president in charge of its operations. The firm, with headquarters in Weymouth, employs 400 persons and provides cleaning, custodial and maintenance service to a large number of bank offices and industrial and commer-

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Local 766 Gets High Marks

The School Department received high commendations this week from the Division of Special Education for meeting all the requirements outlined by Chapter 766 for special needs students.

The report was the culmination of a two-day monitoring of Cohasset's special needs programs and activities. In mid-January, the review team interviewed and observed those involved in the special education program to determine whether compliance with state requirements had been met.

Those interviewed were staff members who had prepared the program plan, randomly selected regular and special education professional staff members, and randomly selected parents.

Random reviews were taken of special needs students' files as well as of structural and staffing arrangements to deliver special education services.

It was determined that 74 categories within seven areas of the District's Annual Program Plan — Child Identification, TEAM Evaluation, Services, Fa-

cilities, Transportation, Personnel and Personnel Development, Finance — has been fulfilled by the School Department.

The review team cited the exemplary results of the team teaching approach which afforded the children an opportunity to attend regular classes while receiving instruction and attention from a special educator, and the overall resourcefulness and professional zeal of the special education staff as a whole.

A special accolade was extended to

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Code, Plans, Need Deciphering

A tangled web still clings to the fate of the Town Hall and its proposed renovation.

Last week, in an effort to solve the puzzle of whether or not the Town Hall can be renovated at all or, as proposed by Donham and Sweeney Architects for the Town Offices Space Study Committee, two meetings are held to unravel the mysteries of the Building Code.

The Town Hall was recently certified by both the State Building Code Commission and the Massachusetts Historic Commission as a partially preserved

building. A battle has since ensued between Building Inspector James Litchfield and Architect Donham concerning the section of the Code which governs the change in use.

Litchfield claims that building's certification precludes any change in use and occupancy; Donham believes the building is now exempt from certain requirements of the Basic Code. On Tuesday, Litchfield, Donham, Chairman of the Study Committee Daniel Cotton and State Building Inspector Joseph DiCicco

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MURRAY GENERATIONS are captured by camera in State Rep. Mary Jeannette Murray and her grandson, Christopher Michael Murray. (Epstein photo)

A Distinguished Season Finally Ends

Midnight came early Tuesday for Cohasset High's basketball team.

The Cinderella Skippers' waltz through the Division III South Tournament was ended by Boston's Cathedral High, as Cohasset lost 44 to 54 in the semi-finals.

Mark Goff led the scoring with 12 points followed by seniors John Howley and Matt Salerno with 11 points each.

Cohasset ended its finest season ever with a 17 and 6 record.

Alcohol Program Includes Students

By Judith Epstein

The alcohol education program sponsored by the South Shore Council on Alcoholism and implemented by the Social Service League, has recently introduced a new segment for high school students — Alcohol Drug Alternative

(ADA).

Dr. Max Munro of Cohasset, a psychologist for the Council and man-in-charge of this portion of the program, explained that ADA's title stands for the ideas he hopes will become instilled in the students. That is, that life offers alternatives which will more than fill the need to get high from alcohol. It is essentially a prevention program.

ADA classes and meetings are held solely in-school on Mondays and Wednesdays and are financed by a three-year grant from the Dept. of Mental Health for \$10,000 annually, unlike the other components of the alcohol education program which are financed this year by money given to the Social Service League by Turn-Off Drugs, Inc. (TOD).

ADA didn't always meet within the walls of the high school. Dr. Munro worked all last year in many towns along the South Shore — outside of schools — with young people who were, for the most part, already involved with alcohol and drugs.

"ADA was originally designed to take

an intervention program to these kids," Munro said. "We were supposed to cover the whole South Shore."

Instead weekly meetings wound up at St. Luke's Church in Scituate where they received the biggest reception, as many as 30 or 40 youths regularly attended. Other meeting places were supplied by churches in Hingham and Cohasset, but aside from the gatherings in Scituate, youths who were in need of the program or who were court referrals were visited individually, sometimes in barrooms and automobiles.

The Scituate meetings consisted of small group talks, what Munro termed "reality therapy." While the idea of the program seemed to be helping a large number of people, Munro said, they couldn't receive any real therapeutic counseling.

Grant manager Debra Munves of the Dept. of Mental Health suggested that Munro's team focus on containing the program within Scituate and Cohasset

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